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WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT

WE'd like to apologize. A few months ago we said the city isn't broke yet. It appears that we may have been unduly optimistic. Let's review the bidding:

1. The mayor's budget for next year comes to a whopping \$1.5 billion, \$1.13 billion of which will come from DC funds, the rest from the federal payment and federal grants. That's a 14% increase over last year. We thought austerity was a little cheaper than that.

The council is making noises about slashing the budget. They made the same noises last year, but the mayor needs more additional funds just to get through the rest of this fiscal year than the council managed to cut last year. We're \$74 million over the budget just for this period. And that may not be the end of the mayor's requests. Based on last year's record the mayor will more than get back anything the council takes out of the budget. Remember it's not just the budget that kills; it's the supplementals.

Maybe this year will be different. Maybe the council will brave the political consequences and really slash the budget but don't count on it.

2. Don't forget what's not in the budget. Besides the inevitable supplemental budget requests the mayor will make, one must also consider the ultimate costs of programs that now seem at least barely manageable. For example, Walter Washington was finally forced to cut back capital spending to a level roughly half that of previous years as a \$84 million debt service charge for earlier capital extravagances stared him in the face. Probably the most serious debt still to become due are the runaway pension costs. But there's also the Metrobus deficit, which has risen from \$1 million to \$50 million in the few years of public ownership and may well continue to mount geometrically. And the Metrorail deficit, which is still an unknown quantity. And then there are Metro bonds soon to become due without any funds to meet the mortgage.

3. The mayor's new tax package is one half wishful thinking and one-half turnip squeezing. Everybody in town (at least those who stay here overnight) wants a commuter tax and as Marion Barry forcefully argues in this issue, we need one. But needing one and getting one are two different things. If we don't get one, the budget is \$56 million out of whack.

But that's just part of the story. To raise the funds the mayor needs, there must be new revenues (in addition to the commuter tax) equivalent to a 76% increase in the property tax. Obviously, Walter realizes that you might take umbrage at such a jump so he's trying some more subtle approaches. Like a massive increase in income taxes. Not only does the increase average 17% but it hits the middle income taxpayer the hardest. Here are the percentage increases for each in-

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Taxing Those Who Use the City

MARION BARRY

A FEW years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King gave us the following analogy on the "freeing" of the slaves in 1863. He said it was similar to letting a man out of jail after serving fifty years for a crime he didn't commit, giving him perhaps a suit of clothes, but no money, no land, and no educational or other tools with which to earn a living and saying "You are free."

The District is faced with a similar situation with respect to its recently implemented "home rule" authorities. We have been "freed" to the extent that we have greater powers of self-government, but this freedom is not accompanied by the financial resources and authority which are needed for true self-government and self-determination.

One of the most offensive and most burdensome shackles is the prohibition in the home rule charter on non-resident income taxation. Because of this prohibition, we must continue to supply the growing metropolitan region with its inexorable and inexhaustible demands for public goods and services, shoulder the economic and social burdens which are refused by the suburbs, but — amazingly — pay nearly all the costs. We are forced into the position of being the nation's biggest patsy.

Every work day, about 266,000 commuters arrive into our city, clog city streets with traffic, increase demand for still more streets, foul the air we breathe with their automobile exhaust; endanger city school children with darting driving habits, divert city resources from socially beneficial activities to increased traffic control, use our police and fire protection, take jobs which otherwise could be held by DC residents (boosting our unemployment and underemployment rates), use our recreational facilities and libraries, toss away their garbage in our trash baskets, and go home at the end of the day to their places of residence — and their places of tax payment. In comparison, only 46,000 DC residents commute to suburban employment.

This is not to say that suburban commuters should be resented for, or prevented from, coming into the District and using our services. But is to say that these commuters must begin to pay

for their fair share of the costs. The District can only self-destruct if we continue to pay these costs for the suburbanites.

Non-Resident Income Taxes Elsewhere

According to a recent report prepared by DC Municipal Research Bureau, 51 cities across the nation with over 50,000 in population levy a tax on non-resident income. Nearly, all of these 51 cities apply their income tax uniformly on both residents and non-residents alike (exceptions are New York and Michigan cities where the rate is lower for non-residents than for residents). Generally, the tax design used by these cities is a flat percentage of earnings (i.e., a "pay-roll tax").

As to state taxation of non-resident income, all states which levy income taxes have the authority to tax income earned within their boundaries by non-residents. Generally, the states exercise this authority, by imposing the tax when it is to their economic advantage to do so. They refrain from imposing the tax only when they could not come out ahead by levying the tax.

For example, Maryland taxes the income earned within its borders by residents from 26 other states, while Virginia taxes incomes of non-residents from 31 other states. However, Maryland and Virginia have an agreement whereby neither state will impose any tax liability on the earnings of residents of the other states. This is because the two states are sufficiently in balance so that neither state would have much of a net gain (after administrative costs) should the tax be imposed. DC has an artificially imposed "agreement" with Maryland and Virginia whereby non-resident income will not be taxed, even though such an arrangement falls clearly outside the interests of the District.

The District of Columbia is the only state-level taxing jurisdiction unable to tax non-resident income — currently 55% of the total income earned within the city.

Therefore, as just about the only major U.S. city and the only state govern-

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ment forbidden to tax non-resident income, we are placed not only in a totally unjust position by the U.S. Congress, but in a highly unusual position as well.

Consequences of Lack of Non-Resident Income Tax

Because of the prohibition placed on the District to tax non-resident income, taxes on District residents and businesses have to be correspondingly higher, so as to give suburbanites their free rides. This inequity has contributed to the need for the high FY 76 tax package and to budgetary growth and taxes which have risen much faster than inflation and DC personal income growth in recent years.

With tax rates which are higher in DC than in the suburbs in nearly every major tax category, the adverse economic trends facing the District vis-a-vis our suburbs are exacerbated. Each new tax increase helps drive more taxpaying individuals and businesses to the suburbs, depleting our revenue base, causing the need for still further tax increases and service cutbacks, driving out still more people and businesses, in an apparently never ending downward spiral.

Fiscal Gap for FY 77

This downward spiral appears to be continuing for FY 77. A DC preliminary budget mark of \$1,102.1 million still leaves a fiscal gap of \$84.4 million for FY 77.

Thus, the DC government is placed in the rather scary position of facing a fiscal gap just about every year into the future -- even with the toughest of budgetary policies.

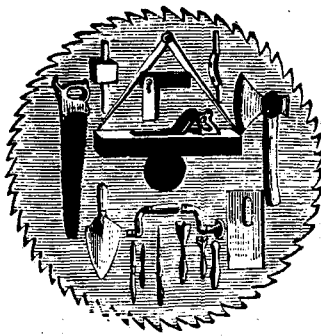
We are fast approaching our self-taxing limit, and unless we want another New York City on our hands, we can go no further. It is absolutely essential that suburban commuters pay their share of the costs, beginning in FY 77.

Therefore, I propose that this entire fiscal gap of \$84.4 million be paid for out of a non-resident income tax. I believe that the District should offer no alternative sources of new revenues for FY 77 -- we should all hold firm to the conviction that a non-resident tax must be obtained for FY 77. In years beyond FY 77, any necessary tax increases can once again be borne by DC residents and businesses, with non-residents earning income in the District continuing to contribute their fair share.

Design of Non-Resident Income Tax

The preliminary plans being considered at present by one or more members of Con-

gress for a non-resident income tax would be tokenism because, with all the exclusions, exemptions, replacement of other taxes, etc., which would be built into the tax design, the revenue yield would only be in the neighborhood of \$20 million. This yield amounts to just 1.8% of the to-



WOOD CHIPS

ANTON WOOD

PEPCO STRIKES BACK

The Potomac Electric Power Co. has filed a request for a \$52.3 million rate increase. PEPCO is also asking the Public Service Commission for an immediate "temporary" increase of \$21.5 million while the hearings on the permanent hike are underway. PEPCO contends that the temporary hike would raise the average consumer's electric bill by \$1.83 a month. The permanent hike would raise rates \$4.37 a month. PEPCO's 22.1% rate jump comes on the heels of a 14.5% increase approved in November by the Public Service Commission.

TRASH FACTORY

The council's budget committee has voted to table a resolution that would have postponed the funding authorization of the energy-intensive \$10 million resource recovery plant at the Lorton landfill site for 120 days. Although the committee chair, Doug Moore, and members James Coates and Marion Barry were generally in agreement with criticisms of the plant, they voted to table following Barry's objections that the resolution directed the mayor to carry out a new feasibility study without providing funds to do the job.

Criticism of the plant centers on its infeasibility, its inability to produce an overall improvement in DC's solid waste management program and the lack of a legally binding contract committing PEPCO to become a customer for refuse derived fuel, the plant's major product.

Julius Hobson and Polly Shackleton, who sponsored the resolution to delay funding, joined Moore in voicing strenuous objections that the Department of Environmental Services only seriously considered one firm -- the National Center for Resource Recovery -- to do the feasibility study for the plant. A representative of the Wheeler-Raiter-Fry firm indicated to the committee that his company was interested in exploring the development of a waterwall incineration plant here similar to one it operates in Saugus, Mass., which was constructed with private funds, gets no money from the city and annually returns \$1 million in taxes.

Consumer and environmental activists have contended that if PEPCO becomes the plant's customer for refuse derived fuel, it must purchase at least \$55 million worth of environmental control equipment to comply with air quality regulations. The cost of this equipment would be passed on to DC electric power users. The Environmental Protection Agency has also pointed out that the additional cost of refuse derived fuel could place the Lorton plant in the position of making a profit at the expense of city consumers of electricity.

BANKING

DC PIRG has filed a petition asking the Federal Reserve Board to deny an application by American Security to become a holding bank. PIRG charges that American Security systematically has refused to make mortgage loans in predominantly black neighborhoods of DC.

tal budget. It is impossible to believe that the proportion of services used in the District by non-residents is under 2%. Although non-residents earn 55% of all income earned within the District's boundaries, DC residents would pay \$163.5 million in individual income taxes in FY 77 compared to the proposed \$20 million for commuters.

In addition to tokenism, such a level of tax would also be deceptive, in that it would give the impression that non-residents are paying a fair share of the District's costs to serve them, while in reality, the District would continue to subsidize suburbanites heavily.

Congressional representatives may give the argument that it would be helpful to introduce the concept of the tax now, generate some discussion, perhaps have the tax partially implemented, and then built up in future years. But it is only in the affluent jurisdictions where one can afford discussions, concepts and theories.

As pointed out by Phil Dearborn [of the DC Municipal Research Bureau], simply applying the District's income tax to non-resident income earned within our boundaries is "the alternative with the greatest revenue yield," and the one which is the most desirable from the District's point of view. This approach, yielding about \$188 million net (after considering reciprocating tax legislation,

DC VS. THE SUBURBS

	DC (1%)	MD -----60%-----	VA -----9%-----
Population increase(loss) 1960-1970	(4%)		
Population increase(loss) 1970-1974	71%	16%	8%
Blacks as a percentage of population	11%	6%	4%
Percent of population 65 or older	\$10,800	\$17,800	\$19,100
Median family income	13%	4%	4%
Percent of residents below poverty level	8.6%	-----5.6%-----	
Unemployment rate October 1975	27%	40%	40%
% of workforce in professional/managerial jobs	12.5	12.9	13.9
Median school years completed	33%	58%	55%
% of housing units owner occupied	\$30,600	\$46,300	\$56,300
Value of average owner-occupied unit	7840	-----2770-----	
1970 crime rate per 1000 residents	12%	7%	6%
Corporate tax rate	12%	7.5%	5.75%
Maximum unincorporated business tax	5%	4%	4%
Sales tax rate	10%	7.5%	5.75%
Maximum income tax rate	\$1.83	\$1.48-\$2.23	\$1.28-\$1.78
Property tax rates per \$100 of assessed value			

Shown above are a number of economic indicators for DC and the suburban counties that illustrate well the disparities between the city and the suburbs. They are extracted from Marion Barry's report "Budgeting Under Suburban Economic Domination."

enacted by Maryland and Virginia), is the same approach followed by most major municipalities in their non-resident income tax design. This approach is also followed by 26 of the 39 states which have a state income tax. However, as has been pointed out by Dearborn, "it may be necessary to consider alternatives that would yield less revenues, but would be more acceptable to Congress."

Thus the answer likely lies somewhere between the standard full taxation approach, and the tokenism approach being discussed in Congress.

By far the best design of the possible non-resident income tax alternatives, in my opinion, is the "fifty percent credit" concept. Under this approach, District tax forms and rates would apply to non-residents earning income within our boundaries. They would fill out the forms the same as residents, but would be eligible for a 50% tax credit (that is, they would pay one-half the taxes as would comparably salaried District residents). They would then obtain a credit on their home state's taxes for taxes paid in the District. District residents earning taxes in Maryland Virginia would receive similar treatment upon those states' enactment of reciprocating non-resident tax legislation.

This recommended non-resident income tax approach would yield the District about \$94 million for FY 77, according to the latest Department of Finance and Revenue estimates.

Repeal of Unincorporated Business Franchise Tax

This tax legislation should be accompanied by repeal of the unincorporated business franchise tax in its entirety, including elimination of the so-called "professionals' tax." Resident owners of unincorporated businesses ("professional" or otherwise) would have their incomes taxed under the District's individual income tax, while suburban resident owners of DC unincorporated businesses ("professional" or otherwise) would also pay taxes under the "fifty percent credit" concept. We have no estimate at present of the revenue impact of the unincorporated business tax repeal, but assuming a "break-even" effect would not be far off.

The above article was taken from Marion Barry's recent report, "Budgeting Under Suburban Economic Domination." Barry is head of the city council committee on finance and revenue.

IT OCCURS TO US that those local liberals who are supporting management in the Post strike on the grounds that some pressmen damaged some of the Post's equipment are forgetting that while the end may not justify the means, it also true that the means do not nullify the end.

IS THERE ANY TRUTH to the rumor that Metro is planning to save money by only running the subway one way? . . . Speaking of Metro, crime on the buses increased 50% during the first eleven months of last year over the same period in 1974.

IT COSTS THE TAXPAYER approximately \$76.64 daily to keep one woman at the Women's Detention Center for drug related crimes and \$33.24 daily to keep one man at Lorton Reformatory. Rap, Inc. does a much better job of drug rehabilitation and only spends \$14.50 per day. Rap, which started in 1970, is still going strong and deserves your support. They're located at 1731 Willard St., NW, DC 20009 (462-7500). . . These figures also may suggest why the City Council is so reluctant to have ANC's operate programs. City Hall is not anxious to have the incredible wastefulness of some of the city programs demonstrated by neighborhood groups doing it for less.

BUDGET CONT'D

come class according to finance committee chairman Barry:

\$3000:	0%
\$5000:	21%
\$8000:	27%
\$11,000:	24%
\$16,000:	20%
\$25,000:	15%
\$35,000:	10%

Not only will one of the highest income tax rates in the country go up, but it will lose some of its progressivity. The middle of the income scale will bear the burden. The city could get more money out income taxes more fairly using one or more of the following:

1. Increase the tax rates for incomes over \$20,000. The tax rate now levels out at \$20,000.
2. Place a surtax on dividends and interest as is done in several states. This is actually a form of property tax that shift some of the burden of that tax from those who own houses to those who also own stocks and bonds.
3. Treat capital gains as ordinary income, discounting for length of time held to correct for inflation.

The mayor's second tax proposal is for a 1.25% gross receipts tax on businesses grossing more than \$1 million. A gross receipts tax is actually a sales tax that is collected from the firm rather than at the cash register. You pay for it either way. While food, public utilities, drugs and apartments would be exempt, you would still be paying a 6.25% sales tax when you went to Woodies or Hecht's. Five percent you'd pay in the open; the other 1.25% would be hidden in the cost of the item.

The present budget calls for elimination of the public utilities sales tax effective this June. The mayor wants this tax continued. That is five percent back on your electric and gas bill.

Perhaps the most self-defeating tax is the mayor's suggestion that the tax on restaurant meals and hotel rooms be raised from 6% to 8%. For a city that depends on the tourist business for what little non-government generated income it receives, having an 8% tax seems

like an act of extreme self-flagellation. Remember that we imposed a 8% tax on parking facilities to discourage people from driving into town. If we put an 8% tax on hotels and restaurants we can remove the parking tax; they'll be so discouraged they won't come to town at all.

The mayor's new water and sewage charges are just plain sneaky. The old rate was based on a charge per 1000 gallons. Those who used more than 27,000 gallons of water paid a 25% higher rate. The mayor's new rates are based on a flat charge per 100 cubic feet. Changing the basis of the charge neatly disguises the fact that big users' rates will go up 31% for water while the little users' rates will go up 65%. Further, the environmentally sound principle of higher rates for larger users would be eliminated. Similarly, sewer charges would go up 66% for large users but 108% for small users.

In fact, the only reasonable tax increase in the mayor's package is a proposed 60% jump in auto registration fees. The rest is a slop pail of unfair and irrational taxes that may balance the budget but will further unbalance the city.

To some extent we are hostage to past excesses. The mayor blithely added thousands to the city payroll and now we can not blithely remove them without risk of adding thousands to the unemployment rolls. On the other hand, as New York found out, you may be forced to lay people off whether you want to or not. Now may be our last opportunity to plan a reduction in force rather than being forced to do it.

We're very close to having our hand forced. When you have to stoop to such proposals as the mayor has made this year and when you predicate your budget on a new tax that may well not be enacted and when you have hidden costs like unfunded pensions and runaway transit deficits looming in the distance, you've effectively run out of options. You might even say you were broke.

The Powers of ANC's

IN VIEW OF ALL THE PROHIBITIONS that the city council placed on the powers of the ANC's it is worth nothing the language of several proposed and approved measures in other communities. For example, a proposed charter for Rochester, New York that was rejected in 1973 by the voters for reasons unrelated to the neighborhood council issue included neighborhood council powers to "plan, develop and implement programs for the benefit of the community district residents on a voluntary basis and to seek public and private support for such programs. . . to exercise any additional power and perform any functions within the community council district authorized by the council which may include direct or indirect administration of specific local governmental services." The DC Council gave the ANC's only limited power to run programs and no power to administer local governmental services.

The proposed legislation drafted by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations included these powers: "(1) Advisory or delegated substantive authority, or both, with respect to such programs as the community action program, urban renewal, relocation, public housing, planning and zoning actions, and other

physical development programs; crime prevention and juvenile delinquency programs; health services; code inspections; recreation; education; and manpower training. (2) Self help projects such as supplemental refuse collection, beautification, minor street and sidewalk repair, establishment and maintenance of neighborhood community centers, street fairs and festivals, cultural activities, recreation, and housing rehabilitation and sale. (3) Budget and finance authority, subject to city or county audit, to accept funds from public and private sources, including public subscriptions, and to expend monies to meet overhead costs of council administration and support for self-help projects, and authority to raise revenue for special services by adoption of a uniform annual levy not to exceed \$5.00 on each (resident) (head of household) of the neighborhood service area." Most of the section was inserted in the new Detroit city charter as powers the city may delegate to community councils.

It is also worth noting what Representative Donald Fraser, the initiator of the ANC legislation, said in an article in the Washington Post after passage of the bill: "The members of the Council (Please turn to page 16)

DC EYE

[MORE], the New York journalism review, reports that Page Lee Hufty is dickering with WAVA for a job as a radio commentator. Hufty says she has no prior journalistic experience but "I've always liked politics." Hufty is apparently trying to emulate Sally Quinn's entry into journalism.

A STUDY BY THE Consumer Affairs Committee of Americans for Democratic Action and the DC Democratic Central Committee compared prices for fourteen electrical appliances at ten variety stores. Here's a summary of the results with the number of times a store had the best price and the worst price:

Memco: Four best prices, no worst prices.
Best Company: Four best prices, one worst price.
F.W. Woolworth: Two best prices, no worst prices.
Luskins Dalmo: Two best prices, no worst prices.
Giant Dept. Store: Two best prices, one worst price.
Rodman's: One best price, one worst price.
Wolco: No best prices, no worst prices.
Zayres: No best prices, three worst prices.
Woodies: No best prices, five worst prices.
Hecht Co.: No best prices, six worst prices.

BILL SHCEIRER POINTS OUT in a memo to his Kalorama Citizens Association that of the last twenty hearing notices for the city council that he has read only nine have included an evening session. Says Scheirer, "It is my recollection that it was an exception with the appointed council to not have an evening session. I don't have any statistics on the appointed council since I never thought that the elected council would hold relatively fewer meetings in the evenings."

WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF a brief description paper of the Department of Environmental Services' Precision Litter Control Program. It is full of significant information. For example, we learn that one of the basics about litter is "it is dynamic. Wind, water, animals and traffic cause much of it to spread in all directions from its points of origin." As part of its Precision Litter Control Program DES says that "four interlocking components are utilized to create and sustain actions to stem the flow from all seven sources." The report also says that one of the steps that must be taken to "chart the course for implementation" is a "systems analysis of present ordinance provisions, technology and enforcement which, by focusing on specific means of giving maximum substance to these components, is the heart of the precision system." The report goes on: "The key to effective application is the partnership between municipal government and the private sector. This is brought about by official creation of a Clean City Committee representing pivotal segments and resources of the community. Or through using an appropriate existing entity if one already is in place there. . . By utilizing base line locations determined through the initial study of litter conditions, results in terms of actual-litter reduction are measured on a continuing basis." Some of our more alert readers may recall that we recommended recently that you obtain a copy of the Annual Report of the Department of Environmental Services which compares favorably in gloss and weight to those of some of the nation's largest corporations. But a wave of economy seems to have struck; the description paper is a four page Xerox sheet. Which means it will make

less of a mess when we throw it out, perhaps to become "trapped at the bases of walls and fences, implanted in grassy areas, in catch basins, along embankments and wherever else it can lodge."

THE WASHINGTON PEACE CENTER, long headquarters for anti-war activity in this town, has been revived. The center has hired Bill Munger, a 15 year veteran in the peace movement, and is back dealing with such issues as the CIA/FBI, Panama Canal, the Mideast, humanitarian aid and the Continental Walk for Peace. If you would like to help the Peace Center in its work send a contribution to it at 2111 Florida Ave., NW, DC 20008.



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY is experimenting with a program for shoplifters in which the offender can participate in a volunteer work program. One judge orders offenders to work one day for each \$5.00 of merchandise stolen. The offenders work on various public projects.

ASKED BY THE WASHINGTON STAR what had happened to the convention center, Joseph Danzansky, the new head of the Board of Trade said, "We're talking to anyone who will listen, including Congressman Diggs and Senator Eagleton. All of our District officials seem to be fairly well committed to the idea of the center. We would love to see it get moving in 1976. We think that a lot of natural normal tourist attraction to the district would be enhanced by that center and we think economically it would pay for itself."

ONE MORE TIP OF THE HAT to the American Civil Liberties Union which has won a preliminary injunction to stop strip searches for persons arrested on parking or traffic violations.

FREDERICK THOMAS has been elected the new president of the DC Federation of Civic Associations. First vice president is Everett W. Scott; 2nd is Arthur Meiggs and third is Ethel Eldridge. Thomas is a representative of the Lamont Riggs Citizens Association.

A DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA superior court judge has ordered that a motel there give back the \$50,000 diamond ring and other valuables that were found in a room after the departure of a Washington visitor. The guest was Bishop Walter McCollough, successor to Daddy Grace as head of the United House of Prayer for All People Church on the Rock of Apostolic Faith.

THE BATTLE OVER CENSORSHIP of WGTB FM, the alternative radio station of Georgetown University continues. It began when WGTB was ordered by the university not to take public service announcements from the Washington Free Clinic. Then the station's manager was fired. WGTB has long been an outlet for programs other stations wouldn't air including feminist programs, gay news and culture shows and other special interest features. The university, apparently upset by the thought of fundraising for a clinic that provides abortion advice, stomped on the station. If you would like to express your support of the work WGTB has been doing you can send a public service message to be aired to WGTB Free Speech Coordinator, 37th & O, NW.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the greater Washington ADA has unanimously condemned the Washington Post management's move to hire non-union labor to replace striking employees.

FROM THE DC SCHOOL REGION 4 Newsletter comes this quote from Damon Runyan: "It may be that the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet."

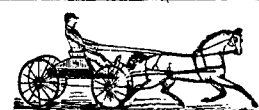
IF YOU THOUGHT THAT cooperative extension services were just for rural areas, you ought to drop a line to the DC Cooperative Extension Service, 1351 Nicholson Street, NW, DC 20011 (629-7704) and ask to be put on their mailing list. They put out a regular bulletin. The December issued included 30 ways to save money on your weekly food bills, how to control insects and disease that attack plants, winter protection for plants and short food items. For example the booklet recommends that you take care of the poinsettias you got for Christmas by giving them 6 to 8 hours of good light during the winter and absolute darkness for 14 to 16 hours.

THE CONGRESSIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE on Internal Revenue Taxation reports that corporate income taxes accounted for 14.6 per cent of the government's revenue last year, down from 22.7 per cent in 1967. In the meantime, the amount of tax money collected from individual taxpayers has risen from 41.1 to 44.9 per cent in the same period.

Committee member Congressman Charles Vanik of Ohio has also released a list of eight corporations which earned a total of \$844 million in profits last year, but which didn't pay a single penny in taxes.

Vanik says that 18 other corporations, which earned a total of \$5.3 billion in taxes, paid an effective tax rate of under 5 per cent.

A LOU HARRIS POLL RECENTLY RELEASED finds that 12% of the adult population in the U.S., or 17 million people, are actively boycotting scab grapes in support of the United Farm Workers. Fifteen million people have stopped buying scab iceberg lettuce and 11 million are also boycotting Gallo wine. The poll showed that when asked whether they supported the UFW or the Teamsters, 45% responded the UFW, only 7% were for the Teamsters and 14% were for "both or neither." Only 35% of all adults in the U.S. said they were not sure. The L.A. Times has remarked that the UFW has "the most effective boycott apparatus in U.S. labor history." The boycott against non-UFW grapes, lettuce and Gallo wine will continue until the union successfully negotiates contracts with the growers.



NEIGHBORHOOD

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ON THE HILL

JEAN LEWTON

IT looks like the A&P at 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE will close. A&P which has been having financial difficulties throughout the country, claims that this store is losing money. The closing which now leaves Capitol Hill at the mercy of Safeway, will work a particular hardship on the elderly citizens of Potomac Gardens who can now easily walk the block to the store.

ONE of the last of the old-time doctors on the Hill, Dr. Walter McCawley is retiring. Patients who could count on Doc to make house calls and see them at odd times, will miss him.

AS soon as the District permit comes through, Boone's Lunch at the Eastern Market will reopen under the supervision of Mrs. Boone.

THE Joint Committee on Landmarks of the National Capitol is now deciding whether or not to make Capitol Hill an historic landmark. Such a designation would cause review of any proposed demolition, cabinet level review of any federal project, and would put the area under the Emergency Home Assistance Act which provides rehabilitation loans up to \$15,000 at low interest rates for homeowners.

CAPITOL Hill has one-third of the seats on the Near NE Neighborhood Commission. Only two of the Capitol Hill seats are contested. Here's a rundown on the situation by districts:

10. David Simmons, George Gurley
11. Judy Wolf
12. Walter Jones
15. Jack Phelan, Donald Stocks
16. Robert Bailey
17. Anton Wood

In the Near SE ANC all but one of the Capitol Hill seats are contested. Here's the situation by district:

1. George Williams, Janet Gordon, Ruth Rappaport
2. Phoebe Bannister
3. Paul Beatley, Fran Kraft, Roland Dority, Judith Lombard
4. Pat Moesker, Paul Hays, Raymond Gooch
5. Neil Scott, Jan Eichorn, Jo Lee Davis
6. Judd Wasserman, Peter Eveleth, Juanita Hart
7. Lillian Queen, Ellen Seidman, Jesse Anderson
8. Alan Boyd, Diane Della-Loggie, Alvin Francies, Laura Trxler, Nancy Hartnagel

AN office building for lobbyists is being built on the east side of First Street, SE between D & E. It will replace an apartment building and a carry out and will include a 115 car parking garage in the basement. The alley will be repaved to "look Georgetowny" according to Walter Burns, a salesman for managers Shannon & Luchs. The demolition of the apartment building and carryout and the construction of an office building has been opposed by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society.

WEST OF THE PARK

Zoning Commission to consider new McLean Garden zone

THE Zoning Commission has voted to hold a hearing on a developer's proposal to create an entirely new zoning category -- a planned international district -- that will permit the developer's plans for McLean Gardens to proceed. Meanwhile, the commission and the city's Municipal Planning Office have taken no action on the request of seven NW citizen groups that a sectional development plan be drawn up for the area that includes McLean Gardens.

We have learned that the Zoning Commission action followed four private meetings with representatives of the developer -- CBI-Fairmac -- by officials of the Municipal Planning Office. The MPO provides staff assistance to the Zoning Commission. At one of the meetings, Martin Klauber, executive secretary of the commission and an alternate member of that body, was present. Klauber attended a meeting on November 4 at which a proposed institutional district was discussed, which would have permitted philanthropic and other non-profit organizations to have offices on the site. On November 10 there was another meeting with Kirk White of the MPO. According to a memo in the MPO files, the CBI-Fairmac proposal was changed "based on a previous discussion with MPO." The

memo also reveals that Harley Daniels, a lawyer for the developers and a former top aide to Delegate Walter Fauntroy, had drawn up legislation for a land use reform commission at the request of city council chairman Sterling Tucker. Tucker has not yet introduced this bill. Other meetings were held on November 21 and 28. These ex-parte discussions are important since they illustrate the continuing conflict of interest involved in MPO's dual role as planners for the city and advisors to the zoning commission.

The commission at a January meeting agreed to the highly unusual hearing on a new zone at the request of CBI-Fairmac, the owners of the long-embattled McLean Gardens project. CBI wants an office/apartment complex serving embassies and international organizations. McLean Gardens is now a moderate income residential area.

Although developers often request changes in zoning, this may be the first case of the commission considering a new zone for the benefit of a single developer and project. The commission did create a new zone in the Georgetown waterfront case, but that was at the request of the city's planning office and affected more than one project.

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NORTH OF THE CIRCLE

THE CITY Council last month passed emergency legislation to put a moratorium on the conversion of rental units to co-operatives. There have been increasing reports that landlords were turning their apartments into cooperatives as a way to get around the rent control and condominium conversion moratorium laws. The council's action was spurred in part by a report by Ward Two councilmember John Wilson that 131 persons were threatened with eviction in one block of Corcoran St. NW. According to Wilson, an English basement apartment now renting for around \$250 would cost \$460 as a cooperative.

THE DEVELOPERS ARE MOVING AHEAD in Adams-Morgan with vigor. Among the building plans: 213 units on the "Anderson Castle Estate at 16th & Fla Ave. . . . Nine new town houses at 18th & Swann. . . . 7 in the 1800 block of T. . . . 12 town houses on Lanier Place.

HERE'S a rundown on capital projects in the Adams Morgan-Dupont Circle area currently underway or proposed in the mayor's new budget:

Morgan Elementary School replacement: Completion date September 1977. The new school will have a 1200 people capacity (an increase of 600). Will include a swimming pool. This project is funded and currently under construction. Total cost \$9.3 million.

Bell Career Center modernization: Completion date October 1980. Converting the Bell Vocational High School to a Career Center for manufacturing and service industries. \$3.9 million is requested in the FY 1977 budget.

Shapiro tract site acquisition: Completion date January 1977. Acquisition of four acres at Adams Mill Rd and Ontario Pl, NW for open space recreation programs. \$2.1 million is pending in the current budget.

Morgan-Happy Hollow Playground, 18th and Kalorama Rd, NW: Completion date June 1976. Development of open space surrounding the new Morgan School including play apparatus, lighted basketball courts and soft ball field, bleachers, sandbox and play area. Total cost \$895,000.

THE Municipal Planning Office will hold a public meeting for the Dupont Circle area to describe its planning process and approach on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 8 pm, St. Thomas Church, 18th & Church, NW.

NORTH OF THE CIRCLE

WILLIAM Hoft and Stellita Stapleton Renchaud are competing for the Kalorama Neighborhood Commission seat in District 2. Margaret Johnson is unopposed in District 1.

ONLY TWO out of the nine seats of the Dupont Circle Neighborhood Commission are contested. Here's a run down on the situation by districts:

1. Laurence Singer, James Haynes
2. Peter Gorman
3. Carolyn Handy
4. William Bastuk
5. Susan Meehan, Claudia Meyers
6. Ralph Bristol
7. Sharon Williams
8. No candidate
9. Marie Drissel

THERE are only two contests for seats on the Adams-Morgan/Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Commission. Here's a run-down of the contested and uncontested seats by District:

1. Alexander Brown
2. Stephen Klein, Walter Knauff
3. Robert Love
4. Frederick P. Mascioli
5. Rich Siegel, Carol Davis
6. Frank Smith Jr.
7. No candidate
8. No candidate
9. Edward Jackson
10. John Jones
11. John Campbell (write-in candidate)
12. Beulah Bullard.

ONE OF THE local 19th century buildings that was designated a Category II landmark and listed in the National Registry of Historic Places last year is the former Golden Parrot Restaurant at 20th & R NW. This is the former Scott-Thropp House. According to a recent newsletter of Don't Tear It Down, it "was designed in an eclectic Beaux Arts style that is basically Italian Renaissance embellished with styles from Richardsonian Romanesque and the English American colonial period. It was built in 1890 by the prominent firm of Hornblower and Marshall as a residence on the fringe of the elegant Dupont Circle area for the merchant George S. Fraser of New York. . . Other important buildings by Hornblower and Marshall are the Phillips Collection, the US Marine Barracks building and the Natural History Building."

CITIZENS concerned about the encroaching high-rise development of the Dupont Circle area are urged to attend the next meeting of the North Dupont Community Association on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 pm, St. Thomas Church, 18th and Church NW.

At this meeting the Association will review the comprehensive zoning proposal which it has submitted to the Zoning Commission. For further info: Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy, 872-0207.

WARD 2 Councilmember John A. Wilson has criticized what he termed "misguided policies" determining cab fares in the District.

"The Public Service Commission's proposed plan for raising cab fares is so complicated that it would be a nightmare to implement it." The plans call for an increase in cab rates (including special rates for families in zone one) and an expansion of zone one. Wilson continued: "Furthermore, the plan will not

necessarily increase income for the cab driver. Worst of all, the proposed plan would not help toward a more efficient taxi service in the District."

Wilson strongly feels that the zone system should be abolished and replaced by metered cabs. "Cab drivers should realize that no matter how much or how often the zone system is modified, they will never get a fair break under the zone system. I partly blame the drivers for the long time existence of an unsatisfactory fare system, because they have not spoken out as a strong unified voice against the zone system."

"And then of course, the worst victim of the taxi service is the consumer. The zone system is geared to discriminate against those who live in certain parts of the city, simply because the fare charged to go to far southeast or northeast, for example, is often not worth the risk or time. Taxi service is more like a luxury for a select group, rather than a service available for all persons." As to how the proposed plan would affect consumers, Wilson said: "No person hailing a cab is going to want to be hassled about memorizing a complicated fare system. It only encourages suspicion between driver and consumer as to who might be cheating who."

Wilson has introduced a bill that would establish metered cabs in the city.

DAVID CLARKE was the councilmember who introduced the resolution last month that called for a reopening of the Martin Luther King assassination. It was passed unanimously by the council.

GARDENS CONT'D

The developers had sought to have the commission consider the new zone and its request to change the zoning at McLean Gardens to the new category simultaneously, but the commission voted to take the matter one step at a time. At this time no date has been set for the hearing.

The commission had to weave its way through the complex legal situation created by the request. Commission chairman Walter Lewis said, "No matter what we do, we're going to court. I'd like to go to court the easiest way possible."

CONTACTS

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VIRGINIA LOJACONO, 942-8433

JIM MCCABE, McLean Gardens Residents Assn., 244-4263

Meanwhile, the commission and the Municipal Planning Office have taken no action on the request of numerous local citizen groups to create a sectional development plan for the area. The request was backed by Citizens for City Living, the Cleveland Park Citizens Assn., the Cathedral Heights-Cleveland Park Citizens Assn., the Mass. Ave. Hgts. Citizens Assn., the McLean Garden Residents Assn., the North Cleveland Park Citizens Assn., and the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Comm. In making the request, Kay McGrath, president of Citizens for City Living, said, "The citizens organizations feel that the community appears ready to mobilize behind a meaningful planning effort."

At this time there is no clear indication from city hall why the proposal of seven citizen groups for an SDP is being ignored while the developers' proposal was routinely scheduled for hearing.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON, who got in trouble in 1974 when he tried to buy a half-million property at 2000 24th St. NW, has settled for more modest digs. The Archdiocese is paying \$210,000 for a house at 5165 Rockwood Parkway.

ON THE HILL

CHIEF Judge Gerard D. Reilly of the DC Court of Appeals is now deciding whether an office building can be constructed at 14th and Potomac Avenues, SE by Graham Associates. One of the basis' of the Restoration Society suit against Graham was the ex parte communications between Graham Associates and the Zoning Commission which were revealed in a Gazette article.

OVER the years, the Hill has seen community groups come and go, but The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, located in the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church at 4th and Independence appears to be reversing the trend. Started less than four years ago with two classes in dance and art on Saturdays, the Workshop under the direction of Sally Crowell, has grown to 35 classes for children and adults, six days a week in the areas of dance, drama, art and music. The organization also provides performances during the year as well as a community arts day in June. For further information about the activities of the Workshop call 543-2081.

OVER at St. Mark's Church, Mary Craighill's Dance Studio is also growing, particularly her once a month dance and lunch series at the church held on the first Wednesday of every month. For further information call 543-0053 or 356-3332.

A new high school for NW?

A GROUP THAT has been working on plans for a new high school West of the Park has come up with final recommendations. The group, whose plan will be reviewed by the school system and may come to fruition in the next year, proposed that the school be set up at Gordon Junior High, that it cover 9th through 12th grade and that it be strongly academically oriented. Other recommendations are that:

- the requirements for graduation exceed those of existing DC high schools and include a greater number of academic course.
- a program of bilingual education be part of the school's program
- after providing space for students from feeder schools West of the Park, the enrollment be open to particularly well qualified students throughout the city on a selection basis.
- arrangements be made for the use of facilities of other schools, particularly the athletic facilities of the Ellington School of the Arts.
- the new school be phased in, with one grade added each year beginning in 1976 and with the existing grades 7 and 8 being phased out.

If all students attending feeder schools went to the new high school, there wouldn't be enough space. But the committee estimates that with the number of elementary students who end up in private schools, actual enrollment from the area would run about 600-700, leaving 100-200 places for other students from around the city.

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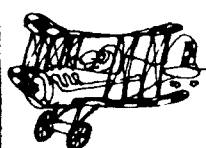
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Subway Costs May Revive The Trolley

By Thomas Crosby
Washington Star Staff Writer

Efforts by the Urban Mass Transit Administration to cut the costs of the Washington area's new Metrorail system could lead to disruption of construction schedules and the substitution of trolley lines for rapid rail

IN MARCH 1972, the DC Gazette proposed the revival of trolley service in DC. Frankly, many of our readers thought we had gone a little nuts. But in the years since, more and more cities in this country and abroad have come to realize the advantages of light rail transit and today the streetcar is making a big comeback.

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In any S.M.D. where no candidate is running, that position will be open to allow write-ins.

Polls will be open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. on Election Day.

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| 1A01 - Samuel Carson | 2B03 - Carolyn A. Handy | 3A06 - Wayne R. Torrey |
| 1A02 - No candidate | 2B04 - William C. Bastuk | Paula Echeverria |
| 1A03 - Gwen W. Jackson | 2B05 - Susan W. B. Meehan | Donald H. Shannon |
| 1A04 - No candidate | 2B06 - Ralph Bristol | 3B01 - Roger Mingo |
| 1A05 - No candidate | 2B07 - Sharon Williams | 3B02 - Chester L. Sturm |
| 1A06 - Ruth R. Webster | 2B08 - No candidate | Elizabeth A. "Toni" Gibbons |
| Marianne C. Hudson | 2B09 - Marie Drissel | 3B03 - Gary Malasky |
| 1A07 - No candidate | 2C01 - Ruby Gould | Michael Fitch |
| 1A08 - Jerry S. Cooper | 2C02 - Thomas E. Lodge | Mark William Looney |
| 1A09 - Barbara Anderson | Bill Street | 3B04 - Robert Edward Kenney |
| 1A10 - Pedro Alfonso | 2C03 - No candidate | 3B05 - Chuck Clinton |
| 1A11 - No candidate | 2C04 - No candidate | 3B06 - Gertrude M. Maloney |
| 1A12 - Marshall T. Clayton, Sr. | 2C05 - Millie L. Edwards | Harvey J. "Mike" Garn |
| 1C01 - Alexander Brown | Sinclair Wylie | M. Peter Yurawecz |
| 1C02 - Walter J. Knauff | 2C06 - William M. Whitley | 3C01 - Roseline B. Graves |
| Stephen Klein | Eric D. Williams | 3C02 - Ruth Haugen |
| 1C03 - Robert E. Love | 2C07 - No candidate | 3C03 - Neal E. Krucoff |
| 1C04 - Frederick P. Mascioli | 2C08 - Evie M. Washington | 3C04 - Lindsley Williams |
| Nahikian M. Satenik* | 2C09 - Margaret B. Cooper | Glenn H. Beyer |
| 1C05 - Carol Davis | 2C10 - Al Bartlett* | 3C05 - Katherine V. Coram |
| Rich Siegel | 2C11 - Samuel B. Fields | Hugh Allen |
| 1C06 - Frank Smith, Jr. | 2C12 - Helen B. Kidd | 3C06 - Kay McGrath |
| 1C07 - No candidate | 2C13 - Edward Herman Moore | 3C07 - Richard Hollander |
| 1C08 - Judy F. Richardson* | 2C14 - No candidate | Sam Smith |
| 1C09 - Edward G. Jackson, Sr. | 2C15 - Henry Alston | 3C08 - Charles W. Van Way, Jr. |
| 1C10 - John Jones | 2C16 - No candidate | 3C09 - Thoms G. Corcoran, Jr. |
| 1C11 - John W. Campbell* | 2C17 - Loree H. Murray | 3C10 - Harry A. Bowen |
| 1C12 - Beulah Bullard | Eugene W. Alston | 3D01 - Pamela J. Rojahn |
| 1D01 - Margaret M. Johnston | 2C18 - No candidate | Bertha Greenebaum |
| 1D02 - William J. Hoff | 2C19 - Charles Richardson | 3D02 - No candidate |
| Stellita S. Renchard | Imogene Wms. Stewart | 3D03 - John W. Gill |
| 1E01 - George Spence | 2D01 - Richard B. Westbrook | 3D04 - Theodore H. Schell |
| 1E02 - LaFernn Phillips, | Earlyn "Lyn" Perry | 3D05 - Kristi M. Agniel |
| Delphine D. Glaze | 2D02 - Galen O. Yoder | 3D06 - David F. Smith* |
| 1E03 - "Lopez" | Wesley Long | 3D07 - Barbara G. Fant |
| Gilead Leventhal | 2D03 - Phyllis Marie Martin | Ann F. Heuer |
| Gerald M. Green | Sally J. Alexander | 3E01 - Barbara Ann Mower |
| Stan K. Williams | Richard Willett | 3E02 - Carol Currie Gidley |
| 1E04 - David L. Danner | 2D04 - Spencer W. Scott | 3E03 - Mary C. Barry |
| Bey Jackson | Wilbur G. Hughes | 3E04 - Nevzer G. Stacey |
| 1E05 - J.W. Lanum | 2D05 - Terry C. Chisholm | Eleanor F. Hansen |
| 2A01 - Ann Hume Loikow | Bettie Lyons | 3E05 - Bobbi Blok |
| Bob Charles | 2D06 - Clarence Green | 3F01 - Roberta T. Chestnut* |
| 2A02 - William W. Kummings | 2D07 - Celestine A. Caraway | 3F02 - Stephen P. Belcher, Jr. |
| 2A03 - Marthlu Bledsoe | 2D08 - Lillian T. Johnson | 3F03 - Paul G. Buchanan |
| 2A04 - Harold H. Davitt | 2D09 - Cornelia M. Mitchell* | John J. Smith |
| Howard W. Feldman | 3A01 - No candidate | Jacob D. Kolker |
| 2A05 - No candidate | 3A02 - Grosvenor Chapman | 3F04 - Edith Corliss |
| 2A06 - James W. Slicer | 3A03 - Margaret F. Oppenheimer | 3F05 - Ron M. Linton |
| Cecelia Aptaker | Mary C. Abbott | 3F06 - James Gordon Vaughter |
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| Laurence Singer | Peter Belin | 3F07 - Mark Novitch |
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| | | 3G01 - Damon Cordon |
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3G07 - Mary E. Beins	5B12 - Melvin E. Cole	7A06 - Doug Foster Thomas L. Johnson
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4B01 - Richard D. Tucker*	5C07 - John D. Mc Arthur Helen Lucas Bright James T. Hughes, Jr.	7C02 - No candidate
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4B06 - Carroll Reed Quincy C. Watson Mary Alice Allen	5C12 - Mamie J. Tinsley Virginia L. Matthews	7C07 - Olivia Hines Calhoun
4B07 - No candidate	5C13 - Robert E. Mason	7C08 - Pat Jackson
4B08 - Charles Shelton Eva Latanya Williams	5C14 - Lelia F. Peterbark	7C09 - Mary Gaffney
4B09 - Willie J. McGee Lawrence E. Graves	5C15 - Estelle Kelsey Campbell	7D01 - Richard A. DeCarlo
4B10 - Johnnie D. Wilson Terry A. Shelton*	5C16 - Estella E. Sims	7D02 - Millie V. Carter
4B11 - Dorothy Maultsby	6A01 - Clarence Martin	7D03 - Mae S. Faison Fredline Razor
4B12 - June Elaine Lopez Rose Ann Lee	6A02 - Wade H. Jefferson	7D04 - James F. Onley John W. Burns
5A01 - Felecia T. White Floyd A. McCaskill Claude J. Sweeney	6A03 - No candidate	7D05 - James Powell
5A02 - Horace J. Carpenter	6A04 - Robert Reid	7D06 - Amanda Arrington
5A03 - Joseph L. Bowser, Jr.	6A05 - Robert S. Willard	7D07 - Joyce Skinner
5A04 - James H. Yeoman Ray L. Dickey	6A06 - No candidate	7E01 - No candidate
5A05 - Anthony D. Roberson Luther S. Buck	6A07 - Lenora Yvonne Simpson	7E02 - Reginald C. Winter
5A06 - John M. Jack Thornton Bonnie E. Singleton Harry L. Tommy Thomas	6A08 - Mamie L. McKie Rosetta W. Byrd	7E03 - John C. Larmans
5A07 - Douglas A. Daiss	6A09 - Charlotte R. Holmes	7E04 - Lucille M. Dudley Laura Holloway
5A08 - John Plunkett Lorraine J. Bess Anna K. Torosian Elmar Ruth Grant Reginald B. Elliott	6A10 - David C. Simmons George E. Gurley	7E05 - No candidate
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5A10 - Andrew P. Corley, Jr.	6A12 - Walter Jones, Jr.	7E07 - Frank M. Perry
5A11 - Karen Bryant Johnson	6A13 - Walter J. Madison	7E08 - Barbara J. Lindsey Bessie Berry
5A12 - Samuel D. Speed Marion W. Byers William Billy Taylor	6A14 - Keith A. Vance	7E09 - No candidate
5A13 - Sam Darden Edward L. Feggans	6A15 - Donald M. Stocks Jack Phelan	7E10 - Dorothy T. O'Gwin Hiram Seymour
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5B03 - Jocile A. Fowler*	6B01 - Janet R. Gordon George R. Williams Ruth Rappaport	7F03 - Barbara A. Newby
5B04 - Bernice C. Lewis Julius H. Boo Byrd	6B02 - Phoebe Bannister	7F04 - No candidate
5B05 - John P. Bryant John C. Hawkins	6B03 - Judith M. Lombard Paul Frederick Beatley Roland W. Dority Fran Ferrell Kraft	7F05 - No candidate
5B06 - No candidate	6B04 - Raymond L. Gooch Pat Moesker Paul Hays	7F06 - No candidate
5B07 - Virginia L. Hudson	6B05 - Neil Scott Jan Eichhorn	8B01 - No candidate
5B08 - George A. Boyd	6B06 - Judd Wasserman Juanita R. Hart Peter Eveleth	8B02 - Gloria J. Jackson James J. Thomas
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	6B09 - No candidate	8B05 - James Williams Frank E. Sewell, Jr. Arthur C. Shipp
	6B10 - James A. Campbell	8B06 - No candidate
	6B11 - Margie R. Wilber	8B07 - No candidate
	6B12 - No candidate	8B08 - Arthur C. Ward
	6B13 - No candidate	8B09 - Margert Beason
	6B14 - No candidate	8C01 - No candidate
	6B15 - Chestie M. Graham	8C02 - No candidate
	6B16 - No candidate	8C03 - Clementine Payne Ab Jordan John T. Turman
	7A01 - Kimi O. Gray*	8C04 - No candidate
	7A02 - Rhuedine G. Davis Willie E. Drummond	8C05 - No candidate
		8C06 - Kellis Sylvester
		8C07 - No candidate
		8C08 - No candidate
		8C09 - No candidate

* - Write-In candidates

NORTHWEST NOTES

THERE are 55 candidates for the 37 seats on Ward Three's 7 neighborhood commissions. Among the well-known local activists running are Grovesnor Chapman, Peter Belin, Ron Linton, Paula Echeverria, Chuck Clinton, Mark Looney, Lindsay Williams, Michael Fitch, Kay McGrath, John Gill, Benny Kass and Al Gollin. Here's a run-down on the situation by commission and district:

GEORGETOWN

1. No candidate
2. Grovesnor Chapman
3. Mary Abbott, Margaret Oppenheimer
4. James Sollins, Peter Belin, Sara Blunt
5. Peggy Seeley, Olcott Deming
6. Wayne Torrey, Donald Shannon, Paula Echeverria

GLOVER PARK-FOXHALL

1. Roger Mingo
2. Chester Sturm, Elizabeth Gibbons
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2. No candidate
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6. No candidate
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5. Bobbi Blok

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WARD THREE may be favored in many ways -- but there's a glaring exception: the air we breathe. Dr. Herbert Wood, chief of the Department of Environmental Services's Air Monitoring Division, recently reported that a three-week test of air quality at Ward Three intersections last November found that carbon monoxide levels repeatedly exceeded approved levels. In fact, on November 21 the carbon

monoxide at 38th and Van Ness was the worst he had ever measured and that on November 18, Nebraska and Albermarle had the highest hourly average he had ever recorded. Violations of air standards were found on Wisconsin Avenue between Van Ness and Brandywine and on Reno Road between Van Ness and Albermarle.

This news is made all the more disturbing by the city's determination to increase density (and hence traffic) along Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues. Plans for McLean Gardens, the Bureau of Standards site and Metro stops are just a few examples of the city's willingness to make a bad situation even worse.

On air quality grounds alone, all further increases in density along the avenues should be halted. It is not just bad planning; it may well be killing us.

GROUNDING: The Flying Discotheque, planned for 4712 Wisconsin Ave. NW has withdrawn its application for a liquor license in the face of opposition from nearby residents. Over 150 commercial and residential neighbors of the planned bistro registered protests with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

THE Friendship Neighborhood Coalition has urged the Zoning Commission to push for the creation of the non-zoning elements of the Friendship Heights Sectional Development Plan and that if such elements are not put into effect, the commission should consider further down-zoning of the area. The coalition, in a supplemental statement to the Zoning Commission, which is considering the plan, also warned that air quality measurements might produce information requiring further down-zoning. Here are excerpts from the statement:

"The Zoning Commission has ample power and authority to adopt non-zoning elements of the Friendship Heights Sectional Development Plan and vigorously to urge the implementation of those elements by the appropriate governmental agencies. The commission should make it clear in its order adopting the remainder of the plan, however, that the level of development permitted by the zoning elements of the plan, already adopted by the predecessor zoning commission, can be tolerated only if the non-zoning elements are also implemented. The commission should leave no doubt that if such implementation does not occur, it would be necessary to consider further downzoning to restrict new development to a tolerable level.

"The plan is sufficiently workable and flexible to be adopted immediately. The commission should not permit the vital planning process in this area to be stifled or indefinitely postponed because of cries of 'unworkability' from business and commercial interests, who, by their own precipitate actions, have in most instances created the violations of the plan which they claim renders it unworkable, and who, in any event, have offered the commission only wholesale unremitting opposition rather than affirmative constructive proposals for modifications of the plan's allegedly 'unworkable' elements.

"The commission should articulate that the plan is premised on the assumption that the principal constraint in development in the plan area is the physical capacity of the street and highway system to absorb additional traffic level to be generated by new development. The air quality data may confirm that the real constraint is not the capacity of the traffic system but the capacity of the environment in the plan area to absorb the pollution generated by new development without harm to the health and wellbeing of those that live, work, shop or journey through the plan area. In other words, even below-capacity levels of traffic may generate excessive degradation of air quality and further downzoning may well be required."

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT: The new shopping center rising out of the ground at Friendship Heights. . . . The street improvements on Porter Street. . . . The out-of-sight prices for homes in Cleveland Park. . . . The friendly atmosphere and fine entertainment at Gallagher's on Connecticut above Macomb. . . . The difficulty of crossing 34th Street.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, in cooperation with the C&P Telephone Co., has compiled a listing of social services available in Ward Three. Copies may be picked up at Polly Shackleton's Ward Three office in the Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Conn. Ave. NW. Or call 686-5227.

FROM CITIZENS FOR CITY LIVING: Over the past year there have been several meetings to discuss the new consolidated postal facility at Upton and Wisconsin, where the old Safeway was. A final model and plan were shown to the community at a recent meeting. Although there is still some dissatisfaction with the National Capital Planning Commission for allowing this large (light industry) facility in a residential area, there was also some satisfaction that community objections had been addressed. Traffic patterns, for instance: no cars to trucks can enter or leave from Upton Street; all must use Wisconsin Ave. The parking area will be screened by a wall and planting along its outside. One parking space per three employees will be provided and car pooling will be encouraged. There will be 19 spaces for customers of the post office. The new facility will be the main delivery station for zip codes 07,08 and 16. The walk-in stations in Georgetown and Cleveland Park will remain for customer service.

MORE THAN 400 Georgetown residents turned out last month to urge that a parking sticker program be instituted in their area. There was virtually no opposition to the plan with the major exception of Georgetown University. Said the president of GU's student body, the parking ban would disrupt the university. Said one Georgetown resident: "Why don't you pave some of the (campus) over and make your own parking lot?" Ward Three councilmember Polly Shackleton gave her support to the ban. Expectations are, however, that the city will test out the Friendship Heights and Gateway parking bans before proceeding to other areas.

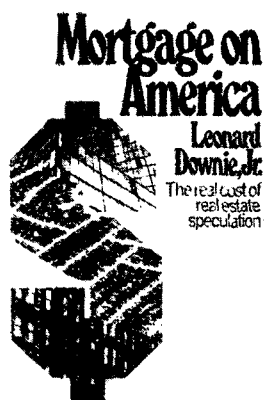
THE ZONING COMMISSION in December delayed for 120 days the planned subdivision of Prospect House, the estate at 3508 Prospect St. NW, into seven lots. The action came following protests from the president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Sen. Pell, Averell Harriman and Ms. Christian Herter. The decision also delays plans to subdivide the Malarkey House at 28th & Que and the Dodge House at 29th & P.

WARD THREE SCHOOL BOARD member Carol Schwartz has written the planning office to oppose plans to widen Reno Road south of Van Ness as part of the master plan for the WTI-International Center site. Said Schwartz, "I would be opposed to any of the proposed additional street improvements because of the detrimental effect of such improvements on the neighborhood and on the schools in the area. . . . I have felt for sometime that Reno Road is used largely as an expressway for suburbanites as they make their way in and out of the city every day, and a widening of Reno Road would only tend to increase the volume of traffic on that already heavily traveled street."

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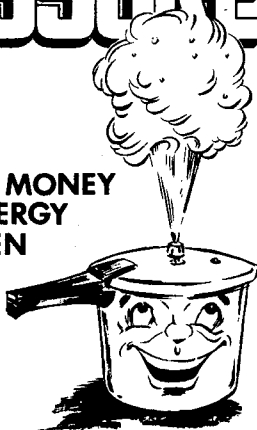
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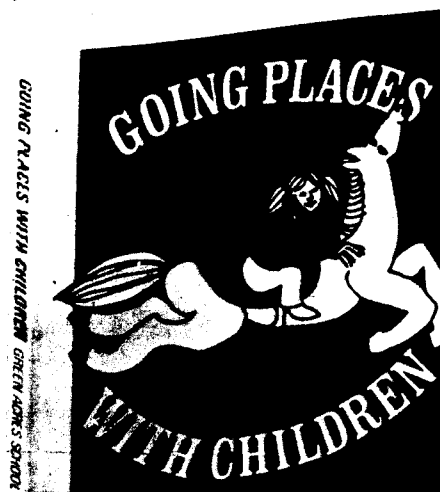
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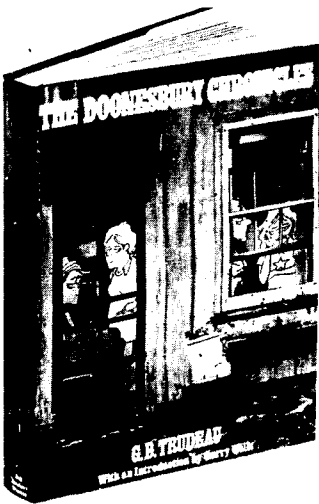
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Marion Barry	+	+	+	+	+	+	6-0-0-0	100%	62%	0%
David Clarke	+	+	+	+	+	+	6-0-0-0	100%	66%	0%
James Coates	+	+	+	+	+	+	6-0-0-0	100%	65%	0%
Arrington Dixon	+	+	+	+	+	+	6-0-0-0	100%	55%	0%
Willie Hardy	+	+	+	+	A	+	5-0-0-1	100%	58%	17%
Julius Hobson	+	+	A	+	+	A	4-0-0-2	100%	71%	33%
Doug Moore	+	+	+	-	+	A	4-1-0-1	80%	67%	17%
Jerry Moore	+	+	+	-	+	+	5-1-0-0	83%	44%	0%
Polly Shackleton	+	+	+	A	+	+	5-0-0-1	100%	62%	17%
William Spaulding	+	+	+	-	+	+	5-1-0-0	83%	49%	0%
Sterling Tucker	+	+	+	-	+	+	5-1-0-0	83%	44%	0%
John Wilson	+	+	+	+	+	+	6-0-0-0	100%	55%	0%
Nadine Winter	+	+	+	+	+	+	6-0-0-0	100%	59%	0%
PROS	13	13	12	8**	12	11				
CONS	0	0	0	4	0	0				

OVERALL COUNCIL AVERAGE: 5 (+) votes, 1 (-): 83%

** Vote 4 required two-thirds of council for approval or 9 votes

VETO RECORD: 6 vetoes by mayor, 2 overridden by council, 4 referred to committee and may still come up for a vote.

VOTE 1: Resolution calling for the reopening of the investigation into the death of Martin Luther King Jr. (+ = support)

VOTE 2: Consumer Protection Act. A strengthening of DC's consumer protection laws. (+ = support)

VOTE 3: Amendments to raise public assistance standards. (+ = support)

VOTE 4: Resolution to declare an emergency in order to permit council confirmation of pending mayoral appointments not now covered by the confirmation provisions. Councilmembers, upset at the low quality of some of the mayor's appointments, are seeking confirmation powers. (+ = support)

VOTE 5: Vote to override the mayor's veto of the DC government affirmative action bill. Among other things, the council wanted the government to set as a goal, the hiring of minorities and women in proportion to their numbers in the DC labor force; the mayor wanted the hiring to be proportional to those actually working in the metropolitan area. (+ = support)

VOTE 6: Emergency legislation creating a moratorium on the conversion of rental units to cooperatives. The issues are similar to those involved in the current condominium conversion moratorium. (+ = support)

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THE NEXT MEETING of the National Capitol Planning Commission will take place on Feb 5 at 9:30 am at 1325 G NW (Conference Room, 10th floor). Info: 382-1161.

THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION is still looking for over 500 persons illegally arrested on the U.S. Capitol steps on May 5, 1971. They stand to lose about \$5 million among them if they cannot be found by the court imposed deadline this spring. The May Week 500 are among the 1,318 persons entitled to damages of up to \$10,000 each under a jury award in January 1975. To date the ACLU has been able to contact 809 members of the class of plaintiffs. Claims totalling between \$7 and \$8 million have been filed with the court. If you know of anyone who was arrested during May Week who has not contacted the ACLU, tell them to get in touch with the ACLU Fund, attention Lawrence Goldberg, 1345 E St, NW (#301) DC 20004. Telephone: 638-6263.

IF YOU LEARN EARN LESS THAN \$7,000 and own or rent a house in the city, you may be entitled to a rebate for property taxes paid to the city government. Even those who do not have to file a DC income tax return are eligible. For more information contact the Dept. of Finance and Revenue.

THESE PRISONERS WOULD LIKE to hear from people: Larry Davis, (136-260), PO Box 787, Lucasville, OH 45648; Wesley Watson, Box 100 (#257-28), Somers, Conn. 06071; William Renaud, PO Box 100, Somers, CN 06071.

WASHINGTON BOOKS has published a new guide called "Washington at Night." It covers the entertainment dancing and dining scene in the city. It is written by Thierry Bright-Sagner. You can order the book by sending \$2.00 (plus 45¢ handling and postage) to Washingtonian Books, 1828 L NW, DC 20036.

A NEW GUIDE TO RESOURCES in the Metropolitan area has been written by Marion Ein and Alice Shabecoff. It's called the Whole Washington Handbook and gives details on resources in the area. Ms. Ein is director of Public Relations for the DC City Hall Complaint Center. Price \$4.50.

THE BUREAU OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH has published an interest-

ing summary of its polls taken of 3300 residents here in 1973 and 1975. The polls cover such matters as financial status and prospects, transportation habits and needs, politics and participation, the local mass media, major problems in the area, the police, trust in local government, crime and social issues. The publication can be ordered for \$5.95 from BSSR, Inc., 1990 M St., NW, DC 20036

THE WASHINGTON STAR has reprinted its 7-part series on the problems of the social security system. A reprint is available for 60¢ from the Star, 225 Virginia Ave, SE, DC 20003.

THE CITY COUNCIL has a new telephone number. It's 724-8000.

THE DC public school system has new telephone numbers. The new number for the Board of Education is 724-4289; the Office of the Superintendent is 724-4222; the Office of Instructional Services is 724-4173; the Office of Pupil Personnel is 724-4201 and the Office of Management Services is 724-4256.

A PROPOSED minimum wage of \$2.80 an hour (\$2.50 an hour for employees of apartment buildings) for workers employed in private industry in DC in hotel, restaurant, apartment building and allied occupations will be the subject of a public hearing by the Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board, Feb. 23 at 10 am in the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, Room 2-5, 901 G St. NW. Speakers should send their names, addresses and telephone numbers and organization in writing to: Executive Secretary, MW&IS Board, DC 614 H St, NW, Room 615, DC 20001 not later than Feb. 19.

THE DC Commission on the Status of Women has announced that married women may legally retain their birth-given name after marriage. This may be done without formal court order as long as the name is used consistently, exclusively and without any fraudulent intention. For further information contact: Helen S. Lewis, 629-5238.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES is looking for families who will open their homes to people currently staying in hospitals simply because they have no home. These patients are ambulatory, can feed and dress them-

selves. Participants will be paid for room and board. Info: 629-5611.

THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RESEARCH at George Washington University has begun a study to determine those factors which contribute to continued alcohol abuse within families. Research in alcoholism has traditionally dealt with the individual. This study places its emphasis on the relationship between alcohol and family life. Families participating in the study will join with other families for evening group discussions. Additionally, there will be some testing and interviewing of family members. Families will receive financial compensation. Info: Center for Family Research, George Washington Medical Center, 2300 Eye St. NW (#614), DC 20037 (676-2624).

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON has a new catalog of courses that is available free by calling 785-4383 or writing OU at 3100 Connecticut Ave. NW (#300) DC 20008. Courses range from men's and women's assertiveness training to wok cookery. OU is also looking for qualified course teachers.

A NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM of the city government will provide grants of up to \$1500 a year for undergraduate students. About \$333,000 are available this year under the DC and Federal funding. Applications and info: Dept. of Human Resources Educational Assistance Office, 1329 E NW (#1050), DC 20004 (737-5334).

THE HOWARD SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS will hold its fifth annual communications conference Feb. 13-16 on the Dumbarton campus. There will be panel discussions on communications careers, exhibits, recruiters and a banquet. Non-Howard students can attend for \$10, Howard students for \$5 and other interested individuals for \$20. Info: Howard School of Communications, Attn. Mr. Willie Davis or Ms. Peggy Pinn, 2600 4th St. NW, DC 20059 (636-7690)

THE OLDER WOMAN IN TODAY'S CULTURE: A conference concerning careers, health and sexuality of middle-aged and older women. At the Arlington Unitarian Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd (Route 50), Feb. 9-10, 9 am - 4:30 pm. Speakers include Maggie Kuhn, Barbara Furniss and Madeline Gray. Fee: \$30. Info: Women's Medical Center, 1712 Eye St. NW (#704) DC 20006 (298-9227)

THINGS TO READ THINGS TO DO

PARENTS NETWORK: An information center designed to help parents deal with the educational bureaucracy of their local school system. Info: Wild Lake Village Green, Columbia, Md. 21044.

THE WORKBOOK: An indexed catalogue of sources and information about environmental, social and consumer problems. Published by Southwest Research and Information Center, PO Box 4524, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Single copies \$1.00.

MADNESS NETWORK NEWS: An anti-psychiatry journal closely associated with the Network against Psychiatric Assault. Yearly subscriptions are \$4.00 available from Madness Network News, 2150 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL: An organization researching the collaboration between the AFL-CIO and the CIA in undermining militant trade union activity in other countries. Publications and books. Literature list, monthly journal. PO Box 9662, Marina Del Rey, CA 90291 (213-821-9596).

A GUIDE TO NON-SEXIST CHILDREN'S BOOKS: \$3.95 from Academy Press Limited, 176 West Adams St, Chicago, Ill 60603.

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THE national media and other wingless extremist groups are deep into their quadrennial United Way Campaign for the status quo. This activity is always a disservice to the country, but especially so these days since one of the few things that Americans have in common any more is their unhappiness about the way things are. With our largest city bankrupt, a dismaying number of people out of work, most of what we talked and fought about in the sixties still unfinished business, our increasing alienation from the rest of the world, a crumbling economic system and even the cancer rate suffering a sizable increase, it is gilding the lily of indifference toward the more than two hundred million Americans who are neither presidential candidates nor writing about them to treat this election campaign as though it was a talent show/beauty pageant conducted under the auspices of the National Football League. We are offered Birch Bayh, the tap dancing ice skater from Indiana; Lloyd Bentsen, who would like to pursue a career as a classical vocalist, Henry Jackson twirling his batons and Jimmy Carter, who hopes to become a model. We watch them and think to ourselves that they are really not very good, and even the Bert Parks' of the affair -- the Apples, Germonds, Proders et al -- can't assuage our perception, because in fact they are not very good; they are neither the most appealing nor most talented people around. But they are the choice, so we let ourselves drift into the charade, suspend our disbelief and by the end of it all we almost start to believe that we are cheering on the best there is.

Of course, the contest is rigged from the start. The alleged goal -- the best -- is swallowed early by the process. The candidates are preselected largely for their ability to meet the rigors of the process rather than the standard of the goal. And throughout the contest they are carefully chaperoned to assure they do nothing to bring dishonor on the process. Muskie cried and he was out. Eagleton suffered depression and he was out. Dozens of other potential participants are eliminated because they are "unelectable" for one reason or another.

It would appear, however, that given an open choice most presidential candidates would be "unelectable." A recent poll taken in New Hampshire found that 61% of the respondents felt that none of the candidates are talking about the real economic problems facing the country and that 58% agree with the statement that both the Democratic and Republican parties are in favor of big business rather than the average worker.

This poll has been given little attention by the media because it undermines the charade and suggests that when Broder & Company screen the candidates they are doing it for someone other than the voters.

The press writes of campaigns from the perspective of the manipulators -- the candidates, professionals and large pressure groups. The voters are added for color and flavor -- like stories written of spectator reaction to a football trade -- interesting but really not too significant, until they vote.

It's discouraging for the voter. I've tried to make it easier on myself by evolving a few basic principles to keep me warm during these long, fogbound days of presidential primaries. Let me share them:

- There is no election day for issues. People's first business in politics should be with issues rather than with candidates. What happens on election

day is less important than what happens afterwards. McCarthy lost but started the end of the Vietnam War; McGovern lost and finished the job.

- Agnew was half-right. The media is with the enemy. But not for the reasons he alleged. The media is not overly ideological; the problem comes from its preoccupation with process and the ebb and flow of personal power. The media runs away from issues and ideas. If it cannot avoid them it will attempt to destroy them as McGovern found out and Reagan is learning. Journalists serve, in William Safire's fine phrase, as "intellectual hit men," zapping new ideas -- most typically on the grounds that they are impractical or insufficiently thought out. It amounts to a form of infanticide, making a final judgement on the potential of an idea moments after it is out of the womb. And if they can't kill the idea they commit assault with a deadly cliché, pummeling it with words like "extreme" or "radical."

There is nothing ideological about this. It is primarily the result of widespread conceptual dyslexia among reporters. They don't understand ideas, which is why they spend so much time writing about personalities and minor events.

- Don't work for candidates simply because they seem to be the best of the lot. Unless you can convince yourself that a candidate is superior on other than relative scale there probably isn't much difference in the lot. Despite the constant preachments to the contrary, apathy is a reasonable tool of the electorate. Non-participation is one of the few remaining rights citizens have to elections.

- On the other hand, don't be excessively dogmatic about presidential candidates. To make even a minor impact, a candidate must build a coalition of supporters in which you, and people who think like you, will probably be in a minority. I favor the ten percent rule as an ideological standard. If your candidate can't get ten percent of the vote you probably would be better off pushing for change outside the political system; if you can get ten percent you'll start to make a difference. Make a few compromises to reach that point.

- Since most of the "winners" won't do what you want, stay away from them until the last possible moment. The primary period is when the "winners" discover what the issues are. They depend on the losers to tell them. It is also a time when most "winners" turn out to be losers. Despite the fact that the media has already divided the candidates rather even-

ly into those who are "electable" and those who aren't, about 90% will turn out to have been unelectable. There is plenty of time between the convention and election day to resign yourself to voting for a winner.

- The Democratic convention may be brokered, but for a change you have a chance of being one of the brokers. A candidate who goes into the convention with a sizable number of delegates, although well short of a majority, is in a position to help make the deal. Whom do you want as your broker? Birch Bayh or Fred Harris? This may well be a convention in which every delegate will count for a change. Even voting for a losing candidate in a primary may add to that candidate's delegate strength and bargaining position. Vote for the candidate who will best represent you in New York. That's where the final decision is going to be made, anyway.

- You can not beat the system by its rules. If you accept the issueless, personality approach to national politics you will surely fail. If you support only candidates who speak to issues that are important to you the worst that will happen is the same result; but at least you have a chance of surprising yourself and a lot of other people.

Such maxims have led me inevitably to the campaign of Fred Harris. Part of it was a process of elimination -- there is no evidence that Bentsen, Jackson, Shriver, Carter, Bayh, Shapp or Humphrey are interested in much change, nor is there enough differentiation between them to make choosing among them worth the candle. As Sargent Shriver said, it's like alternate ways of making a martini. That mixture may be important to Sarge, but I'd prefer some beer and whiskey on the bar as well. These candidates are all politicians of absorption and will all do what the polls tell them. If that's the best we can do, we can wait until New York to find out. Morris Udall would probably be an improvement over the lot but this intuition is largely based on the fact that he is the first of the candidates to start stealing stuff from Harris.

Harris, on the other hand, is truly different. It has been an extraordinary experience to discover a presidential candidate with whom progressives can agree on so many issues. McCarthy I admired and worked for, but I knew that after the war many of his supporters would find they had far less to talk about. McGovern was an opportunist who seized many of the right issues and then proceeded to mangle them. He could neither defend them nor stick to them.

Harris's campaign, on the other hand, is unique -- not just this year, but in recent political history, for he not only has a vision of where we should be going but how we should get there, and it is a vision with which those who want fundamental change can be extremely comfortable.

It helps to understand the Harris effort to know how it began. Unlike most candidates, who start from the desire to be president and work backwards to find issues that will realize their desire, Harris commenced with the issues. He came to Washington a traditional Democratic politician. The joke among the cynical courtiers is, "I remember Fred before he was a virgin." Though supported by oil interests and on the track to political power, Harris began acting funny. In traditional Washington political terms, his behavior was masochistic. He voted against the oil interests, for example. Nothing extraordinary, just taking a nip out of the hand that was supposed to feed him, but enough to spell disaster for a politician. By the time it was time to run for reelection in Oklahoma he was, as they say, "unelectable."

If things had run true to course, Harris would have become a refiners' lobbyist or gone back to Oklahoma and used his Senate past as a catalyst for a comfortable private career.

But things had changed for Harris.

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He had turned, albeit late, on the war. He had seen the guts of America's cities from the perspective of the Kerner Commission. As chairman of the party he had learned the need to revamp the way the Democrats selected their candidates. And he had converted his economic populist leanings from a casually collected set of positions to a coherent strategy.

In 1972 he ran for president on many of the issues he is emphasizing today. But he ran a traditional campaign and they took care of him early. Again, there was every expectation that Harris would disappear from politics.

But Harris was on to something. He tried to institutionalize his ideas by creating something called the New Populist Institute. It was a short-lived affair; you don't raise big money for that sort of thing. But it lasted long enough to hold one of the most enlightening conferences I have ever attended. Harris gathered together a group of economists and others to discuss the redistribution of wealth and power in the U.S. -- not to trade rhetoric, but to get down to how to do it. The conference was a rare glimpse into an alternative economic future. There was no political mileage here -- the press barely covered the sessions -- but the quality of the discussion and the papers was impressive and I left wondering that if this is the sort of advice Harris could assemble, why the hell didn't he run for president again?

A Washington column on Harris recently called him "inconsistent." Typical of Washington observers, the writer didn't know the difference between inconsistency and growth. You can't really blame him; you don't see growth often in Washington politicians. But, in truth, what has happened to Fred Harris is much like what has happened to the country, a journey away from old myths and values, towards a new idea of what we are and should be. The past and the present are inconsistent, but the course of the change has been remarkably consistent, one that many of us have traveled as we have weaned ourselves from the breast of conventional liberalism.

Today, Harris alone among the Democratic candidates, understands the extent to which the ancient regime has collapsed, the need to change things dramatically lest we all go down with it and the ability of citizens to comprehend this, given an opportunity. He tells of meeting a bunch of faculty people on a campus and being told, "Fred, we understand what you are saying, but will they?" His answer was that they understand best of all.

But Harris can't hope to reach the they through traditional means because the major media have already decided what they should hear and Harris doesn't rate very high on the list. So he's evolved a lowcost campaign to reach people independent of the major media and the political machines.

This end run seems to be having some initial success. Harris being well covered in local media; he draws good crowds and gets such a good response when he speaks -- whether at a country fairground or in a large city appearance with other candidates -- that even the big press grudgingly notes it, although repeatedly adding the caveat that the enthusiasm for Harris will probably not be translated into political power because he can't win or is too far left. The columnists never explain why a candidate who gets the most enthusiastic response from an audience is unelectable; only the experts know that sort of thing and they aren't telling. But repeated myths become real.

Why is he getting this response? I suspect it is because, far from being a radical candidate in the sense of wanting to move too fast for the mass of the electorate, he is quite close to where the electorate is and only appears ahead because the other candidates are so far

behind. The electorate knows that big business runs the country, that wealth and power are unfairly distributed and that the average candidate doesn't care. When Harris speaks of breaking up large corporations, lowering taxes for the mass of voters and raising taxes at the high end of the income scale, prohibiting the manufacture of cars that get less than 25 miles to the gallon, ending discount power rates to large electricity users, subsidizing employment rather than unemployment, and ending foreign misadventures that drain national wealth and respect, he's not saying anything much different from what you hear anywhere in the country. People are frustrated and fed up with the overwhelming abuse of governmental power, especially its role as a means of concentrating private power. And when you hear Harris say it, it's like an echo of the heart.

His own personal standards, the way he treats people; the role his wife plays in the campaign; the paucity of slick advance men; the simple, direct, informal style of his appearances are also clues. People learn pretty fast which politicians respect them and which are merely using them.

Let's be realistic. Harris is damn good but he still is a politician. If you something creative on the busing controversy or more than the standard liberal response on the Middle East you're not likely to get it. A friend of mine wrote Harris for his position on statehood for DC and got an equivocating answer that sounded straight out of Hubert Humphrey's office (except that it was too short). But as a candidate for an office for which the standard has been set by the likes of Millard Fillmore, James Polk, James Buchanan, U.S. Grant, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon and for which the bulk of the current contenders are excruciatingly vacuous nonentities, Fred Harris not merely is the best of the present lot, but a rare creature in the history of presidential politics. There are, after all, only a handful of presidents that we remember for what they did. Fred Harris would be one of them. And it would be good -- and not just a drier martini.

— SAM SMITH

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will be unpaid but a small amount of local tax money will be allocated to each unit to hire a staff or operate programs the neighborhood feels it needs. Funds can be used to augment day care services, for example, or provide recreation leaders to work with teenagers in the area."

The council, in its legislation, has ignored the intent of the congressional legislation, the recommendations of neighborhood groups and models from around the country. It's a poor start.

NORTHWEST CALENDAR

WILSON NIGHT CENTER: Volleyball for 18's up, Mondays 630-9 pm. Also table tennis, bridge. . . Basketball and wrestling for 18's and under, Weds. 630-9 pm. Open mixed activities Fri. 630 pm - 9 pm. Call Bob Haldeman at 362-0412.

GORDON JUNIOR HIGH: Adult & youth activities Mon-Wed-Fri 630-930 pm.

JELLEFF BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: Mon 3-6, cooking. Tue 4-6 arts & crafts. Wed 330-5 cooking for ages 11-18; career counselling 6-8. Thur 4-6 arts & crafts.

HARDY REC CENTER: Mon ages 13-18 basketball, metal & leather work, sewing, bowling. Tue street hockey for 8 and under. Wed crafts for 6 and up. Thur woodworking for 5 and up; adult knitting. Fri pee wee, 12 & older basketball. Saturday: basketball under ten.

HEARST PLAYGROUND: ice skating, soccer, basketball. 363-8130

STODDERT PLAYGROUND: woodcraft, tie dying, arts & crafts, ballet, tap dancing, bowling, trips, metal work, cooking, basketball. 338-2973

FOOD STAMP CENTER: Chevy Chase Community Center 9-3. 686-5227.

IONA HOUSE, 4200 Butterworth Place NW (966-1055). Counselling services.

CLEVELAND PARK LIBRARY: Pre-school films, Thur 1030 am.

TENLEY LIBRARY: Pre-school program Wed am.

ROCK CREEK NATURE CENTER: Planetarium program Sat & Sun, 115 pm for children, 4 pm for adults. Trail walk 3 pm. 426-6829.

FORT DUPONT: Tiny Tots open house every Saturday 10-3. Little animals. 426-6829.

CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY CENTER: Register for winter-spring programs Feb. 7. 363-2440.

ZOCALO: Youth counselling & referral center, 3116 O NW, 1-9 pm. Free movies Fri 730 pm.

OYSTER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: arts, crafts, cooking recreation, games, ages 6-13. Adult volunteers welcome. 673-7227.

AREA A COMMUNITY COUNSELLING CENTER: 966-1115

HARDY PLAYGROUND: Sports and crafts. 337-2382.

PALISADES LIBRARY: Free film program Tue 330 pm.

PALISADES PLAYGROUND: Sports, crafts. 363-2391

HORACE MANN PLAYGROUND: Sports, crafts, art, Spanish. 629-7096

KEY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Arts, cooking, dance, crafts. Call Muriel Hansen, 229-4731.

FRIENDS OF ROCK CREEK PARK: Helps clean up Rock Creek Park. 426-6843.

WARD THREE CITY COUNCIL OFFICE: Chevy Chase Community Center, 686-5227.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY: Lectures first Monday of month at 715 pm. . . Picture book time, Wed pm & Fri am. 727-1341

GEORGETOWN LIBRARY: Picture book time for preschoolers Mon 330 pm. . . Story time for 1-4 graders Tue 330 pm.

PALISADES LIBRARY: Movies for a winter afternoon, Wed at 345 pm.

DAILY VARIETY NEWSPAPER reports that rock star Mike Love of the Beach Boys is giving transcendental meditation lessons to Democratic Senators Ted Kennedy and John Tunney in their senate offices. Sometimes Birch Bayh drops by for a lesson.

A UTAH SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR who mailed out 600 Christmas cards to complete strangers says he received replies back from persons who said they remembered his father and some who stated they wanted to spend their next vacation with the professor and his family. A number of people wrote back saying how warmly they remembered "Phil" (the card was signed "Phil and Joyce" or "Dr. Phil Kunz and Family"). One wrote, "we miss your father." Another said "we see so little of you any more."